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SUBJECT: SUGGESTIONS FOR DEBRIEFING OF KEBEDE TEMEGSGEN

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SUMMARY: AS REPORTED REFTTEL (A), EMBASSY VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN RECENT ECONOMIC AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED AND/OR BEING NEGOTIATED BY ETHIOPIA WITH SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY SOVIET UNION, EAST GERMANY, LIBYA, VIETNAM AND YUGOSLAVIA IN MILITARY AND DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE AREAS. THERE FOLLOWS QUESTIONS ABOUT SPECIFIC AGREEMENTS OF GREATEST CURRENT INTEREST. END SUMMARY.

1. SOVIET UNION

- A. TERMS OF MILITARY AGREEMENT CONCLUDED DURING MENGISTU'S MAY VISIT TO MOSCOW?
 - B. TYPES OF NEW ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SOVIETS AGREED TO PROVIDE "IN PRINCIPAL" AT THAT TIME AND WHETHER ANY PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED AS RESULT OF MOSCOW DISCUSSIONS?
 - C. ANY PENDING REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL MILITARY/ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE SUCH AS SUPPLY OF ADVANCE MIG AIRCRAFT?
 - D. PROBLEM AREAS WHICH AROSE BETWEEN TWO SIDES DURING
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- DISCUSSIONS?
- E. STATUS OF SOVIET ASSISTANCE TO LOWER AWASH DAM PROJECT. WHAT ARE TERMS? ANY OTHER MAJOR PROJECTS BEING NEGOTIATED FOR OR PLANNED?
 - F. WHAT ARE GENERAL TERMS OF SOVIET DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE? WHAT RESTRICTIONS ARE IMPOSED TIEING IT TO PURCHASES IN USSR, TO EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY, OR TO IDENTIFICATION

MARKINGS ON ITEMS SIMILAR TO USAID SYMBOL? WHAT SOVIET
STIPULATIONS MOST DISAGREEABLE TO ETHIOPIANS? WHAT FORM IS
ASSISTANCE - LOAN, GRANT OR OTHER?

2. EAST GERMANY

A. STATUS OF GDR-ETHIOPIAN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT
DRAFTED DURING MID-JUNE VISIT OF GDR DELEGATION TO ADDIS?

B. WHAT PROJECTS YET TO BE IMPLEMENTED AND DO THEY INTEND
TO GO BEYOND ORIGINAL TERMS OF AGREEMENT? IF SO, IN WHAT
AREAS, I. E. MORE TRUCKS IN ADDITION TO JULY ARRIVALS?
HOW MANY TRUCKS CONTRACTED FOR IN TOTAL?

3. LIBYA

DO LIBYANS INTEND TO PROVIDE FURTHER ASSISTANCE TO ETHIOPIA,
AND IF SO, IN WHAT FORM, I.E. ARMS, POL, FINANCIAL, AID, ETC.?

4. VIETNAM

DO ETHIOPIANS REALISTICALLY EXPECT TO OBTAIN ANY ASSISTANCE,
EITHER MILITARY OR DEVELOPMENTAL, FROM VIETNAMESE?

5. YUGOSLAVIA

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MINAG PERMSEC AND PROGRAM AND PLANNING DIV HEAD JUST RE-
TURNED FROM VISIT TO BELGRADE TO NEGOTIATE THREE MAJOR VERT-
ICALLY INTEGRATED PROJECTS IN AREAS OF OIL AND HORTICULTURAL
CROPS AND LIVESTOCK. WHAT IS STATUS OF AGREEMENTS AND ARE
THEY ON LOAN OR GRANT BASIS?

6. EEC PROJECT

EEC HAS CONTRIBUTED 28 MILLION BIRR GRANT TOWARD DEVELOPMENT
OF BARO RIVER BASIN IN GAMBELLA REGION, DOES EPMG PLAN TO
GO BEYOND THIS INITIAL STAGE?

7. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ON PRIORITY BASIS
ANY INFORMATION WHICH MAY RESULT FROM DEBRIEFING OF KEBEDE.
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